## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

ERIC S. DELANEY, JAIME D. DELANEY

Case 23-20377-GLT

Chapter 13

Debtor

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC,

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Movant

v.

ERIC S. DELANEY and JAIME D. DELANEY, and Ronda J. Winnecour, Chapter 13 Trustee,

Respondents

## RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY

AND NOW come Eric and Jaime Delaney, by and through their counsel, Christian M. Rieger, Esquire, and file the following reply to Movant's request for Adequate Protection and/or relief under Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and F.R.B.P. 4001, and respectfully respond as follows:

- 1. Plan payments initially became delinquent in this case when Joint Debtor, Ms. Delaney, suffered a loss of income due to a care center that employed her unexpectedly shutting down. It was Ms. Delaney that was initially to provide funds into the Plan via an attachment of wages.
- Subsequent to the petition date, and after final confirmation of the Chapter
  Plan, Mr. Delaney obtained employment with Denny Enterprises in Butler, Pennsylvania.
  Debtor's counsel promptly initiated, and has subsequently modified, a wage attachment that has

been remitting consistently since July 2023.

- 3. Payments are now remitting at regular amounts sufficient to cure the early delinquency in the Plan.
- 4. As of the date of this Response, Movant has received \$1,946.05 in principal and interest payments. Movant's Proof of Claim, including its claim of pre-petition arrears, is governing in the Chapter 13 Plan in full.
- 5. Moreover, Movant has admitted in its pleading there is equity in the property, and as such is adequately protected by the equity cushion as well as ongoing payments to the Trustee.
- 6. This is Month 8 of the Chapter 13 Plan, and considering the Debtor's consistent Plan funding, coupled with the equity cushion, the granting of Relief at this time is wholly improper and premature under 11 U.S.C. §§ 362(d)(1)-(2)(A).
- 7. It is also Debtors' position that that due to the early nature of the case, otherwise reliable payment history, and equity cushion, the similar granting of Conditional Relief, and any award of counsel fees, would likewise be inappropriate at this time.

WHEREFORE, Debtors respectfully request this Honorable Court deny Movant's request for relief from the Automatic Stay and other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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